(d) Recruitment and separation of contract engineers on completion of contract period/extended period or foreclosure of contract as per terms and conditions of their appointment is on all India basis and not on the basis of domicile of any specific State (including Gujarat).

(e) EIL has decided that 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/ foreclosure of contract and meeting the selection criteria.

Supply of CNG to Delhi

74. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deadline fixed for converting all existing autorickshaws, taxis and buses plying on diesel and petrol to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the step taken to increase the supply of CNG to cope with the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hon'ble Supreme Court of India *vide* order No. JT 1988(5)SC211 dated 28.7.98 fixed the dead line for conversion of:

— Replacement of all pre 1990 autos and taxis with new vehicles on clean fuels by 31.3.2000.

— No 8 year old buses to ply except on CNG or other clean fuels by 1.4.2000.

— Entire city bus fleet (DTC and private) to be steadily converted to single fuel mode on CNG by 31.3.2001.

(c) Out of 80 CNG outlets required to be set up in Delhi,

60 CNG stations have been created by Indraprashtra Gas Limited with the total capacity of 1,40,000 kg. per day.

Valuation of IPCL Unit by IOC

75. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "IOC mulls independent valuation of IPCL unit" which appeared in "Telegraph" dated the 18th January, 2001; and

(b) if so, what is Govenment's reaction thereto especially with regard to reported valuation of Rs. 3400 crore of Vadodra Unit of IPCL and its impact on reserve and market capitalisation of IOC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation Limited has initiated the process of due diligence including independent valuation of IPCL's Vadodra Complex alongwith associated facilities. The impact of valuation of IPCL, Vadodara Complex on the reserve and market capitalisaiton of Indian Oil Corporation cannot be quantified at this stage.

Floating of oil bonds

76. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to float oil bonds and cut duties imposed on crude including the sales tax levied by the States in order to overcome the Budget deficit especially the additional budget arising from rising international crude prices;

(b) if so, the amount of bonds floated and the terms for the bonds and the amount so far collected thereby; and